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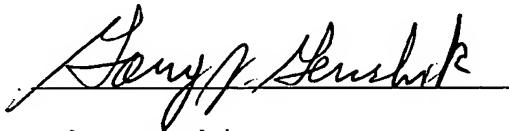
By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 1-26 and added new claims 27-50. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 27-50 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$511.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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